

### Admittance of T. B. and Leprosy Patients to General Ward in Government Hospitals.

Q.—994. Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR (Belgaum).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it is the practice in the Government Hospitals to admit patients suffering from T.B., leprosy and skin diseases to the General Ward ;

(b) whether they are aware of the fact that Shri Shivamurti Balaya, patient suffering from T.B., was admitted on 24th March 1957 and discharged on 31st March 1957 in the Male Medical Ward and also Shri Fakeergouda Garudappa, a leprosy case, was admitted to the General Ward on 26th March 1957 in the Belgaum Civil Hospital ;

(c) whether it is a fact that these two patients were admitted under instructions from the Civil Surgeon Dr. H. G. Sattur ?

A.—Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Health).—

(a) No.

(b) Shri Shivamurti Balaya was not a T.B. patient. Shri Fakeergouda Garudappa, though a leprosy patient, was kept only for emergency as he had sustained injuries in a cart accident.

(c) No. But one of the two patients was admitted under instructions by the Civil Surgeon and the other patient was admitted to the hospital in the ordinary course by one of the medical officers of the hospital.

### BUDGET FOR 1958-59—GENERAL DISCUSSION.

(Debate continued)

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA (Gubbi).—May I know for how many days we will have Budget Discussion, Sir ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Five days.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN (Kolar Gold Fields).—Mr. Speaker, Sir, before concluding, I would like to deal with one

more subject and that is about Sangeeth Natak Academy. A reference was made yesterday in respect of this matter. Apart from the complaint that the grant towards this particular item is extremely inadequate, I would like to submit that the affairs of the Sangeeth Natak Academy are really not very satisfactory. Sir, this Academy had six Chairmen in the course of three years and all of them were officials who were very busy and who could not look to the proper functioning of the Sangeeth Natak Academy ; and though there is a very strong feeling that the Academy Chairman should be a non-official, the Government does not seem to be paying adequate attention to this question. It has come to my notice that the Sangeeth Natak Academy has hardly been able to meet. Several times, there was no quorum and they could not meet. If that is the position, what business can this Academy transact and what development can they bring to bear on this question is not clear. It is therefore high time that the Government takes proper steps and reconstitutes this body so as to make the posts elective and see that an adequate organisation is ensured so as to enable this organisation to function effectively. I would even suggest that an non-official or alternatively the Education Minister in charge of Education may be the Chairman and more attention than has been possible hitherto should be paid in respect of this matter. After all, we are getting grants from the Government of India and we should show also that we are paying adequate attention.

The next item I would like to refer is one to which I have referred in the course of the debate on Governor's address by way of comment. That is in regard to the police. Sir, the way in which the police have been behaving towards people is undemocratic. We had recently an adjournment motion on the question of death of Muniamma. That is not the only issue. In Bijapur—I have also tabled a short-notice question—there was a similar complaint about the death of a person due to violence while in the police custody. Such complaints have been coming and